



To be honest **Lincoln** and **Poe** were never (more) on radio, but you will be raven about their tribute at the **34th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention Oct 22-25, 2009** at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast and Southern Guests

Clay Cole – child radio actor; radio and tv host of several musical and disc jockey programs
Tommy Cook – Red Ryder; Lux Radio Theater
Richard Herd – Theater 5; (TV) Seinfeld, T J Hooker
Chuck McCann – Comedian, actor
Gloria McMillan – Our Miss Brooks
Shirley Mitchell – The Great Gildersleeve

New East Coast Guests

Alan Abel – Professional Media Hoaxer; radio (Bob and Ray, Monitor); author
Eugene Pitt – leader of the Jive 5; biggest hit "My True Story."

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater
Cliff Carpenter – County Seat, Terry and the Pirates
Christina Britton Conroy – Daughter of Barbara Britton; voiceover, radio and theater actress; music psychotherapist
Larry Conroy – Count of Monte Cristo; Voiceover Coach
Joe Franklin – Joe Franklin Show in New York
Michael C. Gwynne – Drummer, DJ, actor (Movie) Payday, many others
Russell Horton – Many CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Elaine Hyman – The Lone Ranger
Simon Jones – British Actor (TV) Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend, Quiet Please (TV, movies)
Corinne Orr – Theater Five; (TV) Voices for Speed Racer; Trixie and Spritle
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Lynne Rogers – The Guiding Light
Jean Rouverol – One Man's Family
leslie Shreve – Actress, activist, television, movies, voiceovers

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention. Any are subject to change

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5:30 pm
 Telephone interview with Edith Endel, producer of Information Please; with Martin Grams, Jr.
 OTR Historians Panel; with Derek Tague
 Authors Panel with Alan Abel, Michael Hayde, others; with Mel Simons
 Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
 Those Were the Days Radio Players present Easy Aces (Jane Goes to a Psychiatrist) with Michael C. Gwynne, Karen Lockwood, Dave Zwengler, Rick Johnston, Jim Ferneborg, Debbra Piening, Mary Tafoya and Lindsay Curcio; Dir. by Randy Larson
 GREAT SCENES FROM GREAT PLAYS: "YOUNG MR. LINCOLN" Based on the John Ford film with Arthur Anderson, Cliff Carpenter, Larry Conroy, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Bill Owen, leslie Shreve, Craig Wichman; Directed by Jay Stern - Produced by Craig Wichman
 DREAMSCAPE: "BURNT" "New Script" Prizewinner by Bret Jones; with Bobb Lynes, Bill Owen, Lynne Rogers, Kevin Scullin, Barbara Watkins, Craig Wichman, Elaine Hyman, Bill Owen, leslie Shreve. Craig Wichman; Directed by Jay Stern - Produced by Craig Wichman

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Poetry and Radio (2); with Dave Zwengler and Frazier Russell
 Technical Tips; with Fred Berney, Bob Burnham, others
 OTR Movies with radio stars; with Gary Yoggy
 The Green Hornet; with Martin Grams, Jr.
 "A Bicentennial Celebration of Abraham Lincoln and Edgar Allan Poe on Radio" hosted by Edgar Farr Russell III with guest panelist Craig Wichman
 Comedy Panel - 7th annual with Mel Simons, Derek Tague, M L Wallace; with Alan Abel, Russell Horton and others to be decided
 (Re-creation) Dave Warren Players present "Life of Riley"

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Re-creation of "Escape" episode "The Fall of the House of Usher" written by Edgar Allan Poe, directed by Edgar Farr Russell, III and starring Arthur Anderson, Cliff Carpenter, Michael C. Gwynne, Russell Horton, Ruth Last, and Craig Wichman
 Danny Curtis' Road To Hope" 1943 Hollywood Canteen Radio Broadcast; Cast: Danny Curtis, Rebecca Lerman, Michael

Wright, Karen Luschar

(Re-creation) The Great Gildersleeve; Dir. by Gregg Oppenheimer with Chuck McCann, Shirley Mitchell, Gloria McMillan, Michael C. Gwynne, Ron Cocking, Larry Conroy, Arthur Anderson, Christina Britton Conroy, Leslie Shreve, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Children in Radio and Television; G Downes with Alan Abel, Clay Cole, others

OTR Jeopardy(2) (F Berney)

OTR's Federal Investigators; with Jack French

(Re-creation) The Gotham Radio Players recreate a lost episode of "The Adventures of the Saint" with Simon Jones. Directed by Steven M. Lewis, produced by Max Schmid.

Bob and Ray Tribute with relatives and friends

The Joe Franklin Show with special Guests

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 13th annual (hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari); guests include Clay Cole, Eugene Pitt and others

(Re-creation) It Pays to be Ignorant; Dir. by Gregg Oppenheimer; with Simon Jones, Shirley Mitchell, Chuck McCann, Ron Cocking and Tommy Cook

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Awards, raffle, auction

(Re-creation) **The Green Lama**; Dir. by Anthony Tollin; with Michael C. Gwynne, Chuck McCann, Tommy Cook, Gloria McMillan, Will Hutchins

(Re-creation) **Life with Luigi**; dir. by Gary Yoggy; with Will Hutchins, Rosemary Rice, Corrine Orr, Tommy Cook, Russell Horton, Richard Herd, Chuck McCann, Bobb Lynes

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: **Fly to Newark Airport**

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport to the Holiday Inn; follow the signs to ground transportation

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport; then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **Frontage Road** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right. From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **Frontage Road**. Follow to hotel. From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**) From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **Frontage Road**.

Hotel Address (for MapQuest or GPS) is 160 Frontage

Rd., Newark, NJ 07114

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 22; Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$20 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door

Thursday, October 22; Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 am - closing) \$54.00; Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Friday, October 23: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Friday, October 23: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$66.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Saturday, October 24: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$20.00 if paid in advance; \$25.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 24: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$72.00. Discount of \$5.00 for those over 60 and under 16.

Sunday, October 25: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$20

Complimentary coffee and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 for all tables; Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are \$79.99 - \$89.99 plus parking (\$15 a day), no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. All rooms can be reserved on the web site: **OR USING THE 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329); Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on update.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson; send to Jay Hickerson to address below.

Mail to Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748; 352-728-6731; E-mail (Jayhick@aol.com)

On the Web at: www.fotr.net

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Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save money**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$20 if mailed in advance** and **\$25 if paid at the door** for each day. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$20** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$197** (\$187 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$177** (\$167 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$148** (\$138 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, **please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your e-mail address anyway.** I can send you updated information easier.

Rooms and Parking

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North 800 number (1-800 Holiday; 1-800 465-4329) OR the web site. Cost of the rooms is **\$79.99 – 89.99 a day plus daily parking fee of \$15**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. I went on line now (6/21) at <Holidayinn.com> and the AAA rate was \$65.55. **A deposit might be required (by credit card).** The price will vary depending on when you reserve. The internet reservation might be less as I mentioned. If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 25th**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. **If you** do not get that rate or better with the 800 number the convention rate will be honored on your arrival

Cost for daytime guests is \$1.00 a car **UNLESS** at least one person in the group buys food in the restaurant or bar; then there is no charge.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night should be less. Call the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500. It is now under new ownership so you may need your own transportation between hotels.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate. There may still be a parking fee if done this way.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 34th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$100	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$40	Two full Pages –
\$60		
\$160		

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 34th annual convention. Deadline for ads is October 1st.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee; Come and join us for wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. **Please let me know if you plan to attend.**

Thursday

Remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn all day Wednesday.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will be \$65 a table. All details on a special sheet. Daytime registration fees for dealers will be eliminated. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. There is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE** in the building.